

## KEELHAULING.

Morrible Torture That Was Often Meted Out to Jack Tar.

Keelhauling was a method of naval discipline particularly in vogue with the Dutch, for as Van Tromp swept the channel with a broom at his masthead his countrymen sometimes used human sweepers under their keels. In large square rigged vessels the victim was lashed to a spar and had iron weights secured to his feet; spans were secured to this spar, and lines were led from it to the mainyard. When all was ready the culprit was swung up to the mainyard, dropped into the sea and hauled under the ship to the other side. Here is the way Marryat describes its operation in that small cutter where Smallbones suffered and Starkey was thought to be a dog fend. "This ingenious process," he writes, "is nothing more or less than scudding a poor navigator on a voyage of discovery under the bottom of the vessel, lowering him down over the bows and with the ropes retaining him exactly in his position under the keel, while he is drawn aft by a hauling line until he makes his appearance at the rudder-head, generally speaking quite out of breath, not at the rapidity of his motion, but because when so long under the water he had expended all the breath in his body and was induced to take salt water in lieu.

"In the days of keelhauling the bottoms of vessels were not coppered, and in consequence were all studded with a species of shellfish called barnacles, which attached themselves, and as these shells were all open mouthed and with sharp cutting points, those who underwent this punishment for their crimes were made to hug the keelson of the vessel by the ropes at each side fastened to their arms, were cut and scored all over the body as if with so many lancets, generally coming up bleeding in every part, but this was considered rather advantageous than otherwise, as the loss of blood restored the patient if he was not quite drowned, and the consequence was that one out of three, it is said, has been known to recover after his submarine excursion."

No words can add to this weird description of a very old and heavy sea way of punishing. All the officers of junior and middle rank and all the men, whether volunteered, flogged or pressed, were systematically undergirded and robbed.

## Fishing For Sponges.

Lying on his chest along the boat's deck, the sponge fisher, with his water glass—a pane set in a box fitted with handles—looks down forty feet into the clear depths. With one hand he grasps and sinks a slender pole, sometimes fifty feet in length, fitted at the end with a double hook. The sponge once discovered, the hook is deftly inserted at the rocky base and by a sudden jerk the sponge is detached. This curd description of what seems the simple work of sponge fishing gives no idea of the real skill and exertion needed. The eye of the fisher has to be trained by long experience to peer into the sea and tell the commercially valuable sponges from those that are worthless. He must have a deft hand to detach the sponge without a tear. Above all, while doing this with one hand, he must manipulate with the other the water glass, as the waves sway it sideways and up and down. The strain on eye and body is most intense, to say nothing of the cramped position and exposure to wind and wet, which, first and last, make almost every sponge fisher a victim of acute rheumatism.—Pearson's Weekly.

## A Good Advertiser.

A man in London wanted a job, and he published the following advertisement:

"A hopelessly incompetent fool, with no qualifications, social or intellectual, totally devoid of knowledge on any conceivable subject, thoroughly indolent and untrustworthy, is desirous of obtaining a remunerative post in any capacity. Address I. F. 3 MacLure road, West Kensington."

The singularity of it attracted a great deal of attention, and several people set out to look the individual up. When they found him they discovered he was a man of twenty-seven years, alert, intelligent, with an ordinary public school education. The result is that he has secured a good position with a responsible firm, and he bids fair to rise in the world, all the result of advertising and of writing an ad. so that it would attract attention because it was different from any other application for work that was ever written. The moral, therefore, of this tale is that if you would succeed by advertising write so that the notice would attract you if you were in search of help.—Muncie Star.

## Nipples a Cold.

When the first symptoms of a cold appear begin to treat it at once. Once well under way a cold cannot be checked until it has run its course. A glass of hot lemonade upon retiring and plenty of bedclothes to induce perspiration will do wonders in warding off an incipient cold. For a sore throat or fullness in the nostrils, or both, it is excellent to inhale the steam from a pitcher of boiling water. A gargle of half a teaspoonful of salt to a glass of water is good or a pinch of powdered alum placed well back on the tongue dries an ulcerated tonsil. When the eyes are inflamed a little boracic acid comes prepared of the proper strength. An old fashioned remedy for a cold is vinegar and molasses, a horrid dose, but most excellent. Equal parts of vinegar and molasses and a piece of butter the size of a walnut are allowed to come to a boil, the dose being a teaspoonful about every twenty minutes. This is commonly called "steved quaker."

## THE TURKEY BUZZARD.

This Ugly Creature Figures In A Legend of Jamaica.

There is an old legend still told in the beautiful island of Jamaica attributing to a wizard the peculiar and ugly appearance of the turkey buzzard, which was once, so the legend asserts, a bird of rare grace and beauty.

Between this particular wizard and the turkey buzzard there had been a feud of long standing, but one day the former announced his intention of making peace with his winged enemies and invited them all to a banquet to cement the pleasant relations that were to exist in the future. The turkey buzzards readily accepted the invitation and assembled in due time at the abode of the wizard, where an immense caldron, carefully covered, was boiling. Raising the cover, the host invited his guests to take a look at the contents, whereat each guest obeyed his invitation.

In an instant the cover descended on the heads of the unsuspicious turkey buzzards, which found to their cost that the caldron was filled with boiling tar. With frantic struggles the poor deceived birds freed themselves from their painful positions, for they had thrust their heads deep into the mixture, expecting to taste unusual dainties provided for the occasion. Homeward they flew, smarting with pain, the glossy plumage that once adorned their backs and heads remaining in the caldron, to the wizard's great delight.

The turkey buzzard is most repulsive in appearance, its featherless neck having a plucked effect which no doubt gave rise to the legend here told. As its name denotes, the buzzard is not unlike a turkey, but its dusty, unkempt appearance is a great contrast to our well groomed, dignified kings of the barnyard whose namesakes they are.

The turkey buzzard has, however, one point of beauty that deserves mention—his sight. He is the embodiment of winged gracefulness. He spreads his wings and floats, seemingly motionless, a black object against the azure of the southern sky, too far away for the watcher to note his ugliness. Without a motion of the wings, he rises or descends at will, a pair of dusty pinions resting on the sultry air. You watch him breathlessly until he descends, when the spell is broken, for repulsive and ungainly he stands revealed, the scavenger of the tropics.

Yet this poor, ugly, ungainly bird has his uses. Without him the tropics would be a sorry victim to fevers and diseases bred from offal festering under the fierce tropical sun. As a scavenger he is invaluable, and the law protects him as he plies the calling for which he was created.

## A Cat Story.

A Toronto writer vouches for the truth of a cat story which ought to interest students of psychology, hypnosis, metempsychosis and telepathy at least. The cat, so gaunt that protrusions of its skeleton pierced its skin, appeared strangely at the home of a man and his wife who detested the cat family. The ill favored creature was in such a state, however, that they decided to give it one meal. They did so and then in vain strove to drive it away. It stayed and ate ravenously, stealing food even between meals, but continued lean. Finally the couple decided that after giving it the choicest meal conceivable for catdom the man should seize it and dash its brain out against the garden wall. He gave it its breakfast of dainties. The cat lingered over the feast contemptuously and anon looked up at its master, who was watching it. When the plate had been licked clean, he stooped to take up the cat, but it struck viciously with its paw, scratching it all the way across the back, and bounding away, leaped over the wall and disappeared forever.

## A Happy Thought.

A gambler borrowed a sum of money from a money lender, and, the note falling due, he called upon the broker and told him he could not pay at that time. The money lender became greatly excited. "I want the money. It is due. You must pay it." The gambler pulled his pistol out, pointed it at the head of the money lender and said, "Eat that note or I will blow the top of your head off." The money lender looked at the pistol, then at the note, and decided that it would be wise to eat the note, which he did. A few days after the gambler called and paid the value of the note, much to the delight of the money lender, who said, "My friend, you are a good man, and when you need any more money come in and I will let you have it." Some time later the gambler applied for another loan, which the money lender was very willing to advance. The gambler sat down to write out a note, when the money lender called out: "Wait a minute, my friend. Would you mind writing out that note on a soda cracker?"

## Funny Blanders.

The following is surely the funniest vote of thanks uttered for a long time. The speaker with evidently the best intentions in the world nervously floundered along through various sentences complimentary to the lecturer and finally flickered out feebly thus: "And so I propose a vote of thanks for the lecture to which we have so ably listened." The audience was so wearied that it did not notice the fatuous remark, and only the lecturer smiled.

It is fit to be placed beside another muddle headed sentence made in conversation to a north London clergyman. A man had been pressing his views energetically on a certain question when suddenly he paused and, looking at the clergyman, said briskly, "And now, sir, what is your humble opinion?"—London Tri-Bits.

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MASTER'S NOTICE OF SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey—Between George H. Lawrence, complainant, and Francis W. Lawrence et al., defendants. On bill, etc.

By virtue of a decree for sale made in the above stated case, bearing date the twelfth day of February, 1906, I shall expose for sale at public vendue, and sell to the highest bidder, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and six, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, on the premises hereinafter described, all that certain tract or parcel of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Lawrence street distant thereon thirty feet and three hundredths of a foot northerly from the intersection of the same with the center line of the right of way of the Watchville Branch of the Erie Railroad; from thence running (1) along the northerly line of said right of way south eighty-two degrees twenty-four minutes east two hundred and forty-four feet and twenty-five one-hundredths of a foot to land now or formerly of H. B. Wiggins Sons; thence (2) along the northerly line of said right of way south eighty-two degrees twenty-four minutes east four hundred and ninety-six feet and sixty-five one-hundredths of a foot; thence (3) north eighty-two degrees twenty-three minutes west two hundred and nine feet and twenty-one hundredths of a foot to the rear line of lots fronting on Lawrence street; thence (4) along the same south ten degrees five minutes west three hundred and seventy-five feet; thence (5) along the place of property now or formerly belonging to Mrs. Ann Elmer north eighty-two degrees twenty-three minutes west one hundred and twenty feet to said line of Lawrence street; and thence (6) along the same south ten degrees five minutes west one hundred and nine feet and sixty-five one-hundredths of a foot to the place of beginning; including also the improvements thereon of the defendants.

E. Lawrence, Lucy M. Lawrence, Margaret Agnes Lawrence, Mary S. Lawrence, Irene Lawrence and Mary E. Storer, respectively, together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises being located or in any wise appertaining.

Dated Newark, N. J., February 20, 1906.  
FREDERICK C. GUILD,  
Special Master in Chancery,  
GUILD, LUM & TAMBLYN, Solicitors.

ESSEX COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT.—In the matter of the estate of William Raab, deceased. Order to show cause.

GEORGE PEARSON, executor of the last will and testament of William Raab, deceased, having exhibited under oath a true account of the personal estate and debts of said intestate, whereby it appears that the personal estate of the said deceased is insufficient to pay his debts and requesting the aid of the Court in the premises.

It is thereupon on this twenty-second day of January, 1906, ordered that all persons interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate of the said William Raab, deceased, appear before this court at the court house in the city of Newark on the seventh day of April, 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why so much of the lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate of the said William Raab, deceased, should not be sold as will be sufficient to pay his debts, and to receive the balance of the proceeds of the sale of said estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

JAY TEN EYCK, J.,  
G. E. RUSSELL, Surrogate.

EDWIN WESTLARK,  
Present claims to  
EDWARD OAKES,  
Friedland Building, Newark, N. J.,  
Proctor for Executor.

February 3, 1906.  
ESTATE OF JAMES G. BROWN,  
deceased.

Pursuant to the order of GEORGE E. RUSSELL, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned executor of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

SARAH A. BROWN,  
Woodruff & Stevens, Proctors.

November 10, 1905.  
ESTATE OF MICHAEL CUMMINGS,  
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